(b) if so, the details including State-wise proposals, if any;

(c) the detail of proposals from State Governments regarding more flow of rural credit if any, State-wise, category-wise as on today; and

(d) the details of the present rural credit, State-wise, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (d) The comprehensive policy on agricultural credit announced by the Government envisages increasing the ground level flow of agricultural credit during the current year by 30% and doubling of the flow of agricultural credit in the next three years. Accordingly, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have issued guidelines to Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks respectively for implementing the package. The detailed credit plans to achieve the growth rate envisaged in the policy are to be worked out by the respective State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC).

Persons charge-sheeted under POTA

1595. SHRI ARUN JAITLEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons charge-sheeted under POTA by various States so far;

(b) the number of persons convicted under POTA; and

(c) the number of persons acquitted after trial under POTA?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Funding for PMGSY

1596. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has urged the Prime Minister's office to expedite the release of additional funds, raised through a 50 paise cess on every litre of diesel sold, for funding the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has also urged the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to resume the funding of the rural roads programme under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund; and

(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Ministry of Finance Jias been addressed to provide an additionality of Rs. 2325 crore in 2004-05 on account of additional cess of 50 paise per litre levied on High Speed Diesel in the Budget of 2003-04.

(b) and (c) The Finance Minister while presenting the Union Budget for 2004-05 announced re-introduction of the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) administered by NABARD. RIDF-X will be operationalised during 2004-05.

Proposal of Madhya Pradesh for providing drinking water

†1597. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to Central Government regarding providing drinking water in rural areas for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said proposal would be sanctioned and required funds provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Water supply is a State subject. Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by releasing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Individual water supply schemes are planned, approved and implemented by the State Governments themselves and there is no need for sending such proposals to Government of India for approval.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.